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**56 East Broadway Ave., Suite 104**  
**Forest Lake, MN 55025**

March 1, 2007

Mr. David Birkholz  
Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Ref: The Hughes Parcel  
Lindstrom, MN

Dear Mr. Birkholz:

The purpose of this letter is to formally introduce myself and to ask for your assistance in working with Xcel Energy to accommodate the following requests as they relate to the power line running adjacent to the above referenced Parcel.

My name is Scott Thompson and I am the owner of Thompson Builders and Contractors, Inc. I have the Virginia Hughes Parcel under contract and have been working with the city to annex, rezone and plat a new city subdivision project for this parcel. We have received approval of our preliminary plat from the City of Lindstrom. Our plan is to develop a project that will ultimately add 121 new homes to Lindstrom on this parcel. Please refer to the attached final plat document for your use and file.

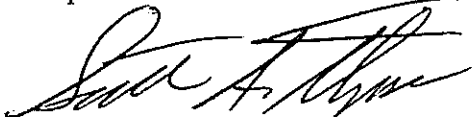
In order to make the area as safe and as marketable as possible I have the following requests:

1. Keep the new lines on the north side of County Road 19. Our homeowner's properties will start approximately 100 feet from the line location.
2. Consider burying the line along County Road 19. I am very concerned that a line of this size will be a huge detractor to the future homeowners who will have homes abutting the south right of way of the County Road. I would imagine that Xcel would not be interested or feel that that burying the line is justified. This boils down to overhead lines are cheaper than buried lines. I believe that Xcel's reason of doing this work is to better serve Lindstrom is a smokescreen and not the real reason. I believe the real reason to upgrade this line is to provide more power to our Wisconsin neighbors that would more than pay for the premium to bury the lines if you require them too.

3. Provide EMF data that I can give to potential homeowners that addresses the potential health hazards of living this close to a high voltage line of this size in either an above ground or below ground installation.

In summary, I would like to thank you for your support and assistance in having these comments addressed by Xcel Energy. Please give me a call or advise of your ability to accommodate the above requests. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Thompson Builders and Contractors, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being the most prominent.

Scott A. Thompson  
President

Enclosures

Cc: John Olinger, City of Lindstrom



## COMMENT ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Here's a form to guide you in making your Comment for the record. You can hand it in today or you can send it later to the Dept. of Commerce that's preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments must be received by March 13, 2007. Comments may be sent by email to [sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us](mailto:sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us) or by mail:

Sharon Ferguson  
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If questions: David Birkholz, Dept. of Commerce  
(651) 297-2375 [david.birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us)

**FOR COMMENTS TO COUNT, THEY MUST BE ABOUT THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, WHAT THE EA MUST ADDRESS.**

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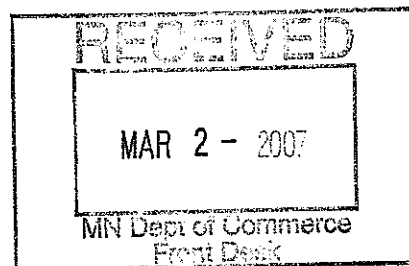
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### MY COMMENT REGARDING SCOPE OF CHISAGO EA:

Generally, the EA should consider:

The EA must address the visual impacts of line in these open/protected spaces:

The EA must address the visual impact of line through these cities at these locations:



The EA must address the socioeconomic impact of transmission through these downtown business districts:

The EA must address the comparative impact and costs of overhead and underground transmission line in the following locations:

along the North side of County Road 19, specifically  
along the Virginia Hughes Parcel.

#### ALTERNATE ROUTES

The Dept. of Commerce should consider the following alternate routes (provide as detailed description as possible of route and why that route should be considered – attach a map if possible):

See other side →

Prepared and provided by the City of Lindstrom

For more project info, go to [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) and search eDockets for 04-1176 and 06-1677

The EA must address the following socioeconomic impacts of transmission line on tourism:

The EA must address the following socioeconomic impact of transmission line on agriculture:

The EA must address socioeconomic issues related to eminent domain and easements for this transmission, i.e., conditions, whether upgrades are allowed, stream of payment:

The EA must address the following cultural impacts of the transmission line:

The EA must address the following construction impacts, and impacts of maintenance and operation:

The EA must address the following transmission and substation noise issues:

The EA must address the following safety issues:

The EA must address traffic routing and impact issues:

The EA must address the following wetland impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address the following wildlife impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address land use appropriateness and impact issues, particularly in these areas:

The EA must address the following health impacts of the transmission line:

along County Road 19 relating to the Hughes Parcel

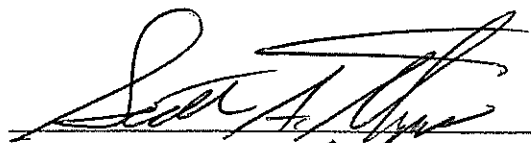
The EA must address the following electromagnetic field impacts of the transmission line:

along Count Road 19 relating to De Hughes Parcel

Other:

Date: 3-1-07

Signature:

  
SCOTT A. Thompson